

PATENT

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Via EFS

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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action date 20 June 2008 from Examiner Weiping Zhu of Art Unit 1793.

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STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-11 are pending and subject to a restriction requirement to either Group I (Claims 1-6) or Group II (Claims 7-11).

SUMMARY OF FEES

1. No Excess Claims Fee.

Applicant has paid for twenty (20) total claims and three (3) independent claims. As this Response results in eleven (11) total claims and two (2) independent claim, no excess claims fee is due.

2. No Extension of Time Fee.

This response is being filed within the shortened three-month statutory time period and no extension of time or fee is due.

RESTRICTION

Applicant restricts the present patent application to Group I, namely Claims 1-6 drawn to a process for the low-wear micromachining of a workpiece.

This restriction is made without traverse.